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SUBJECT: PSI LEADERSHIP RESIGNS

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1. SECOND DAY OF SOCIALIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TODAY
CONVULSED BY RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY DEMARTINO AND PARTY'S 30-
MEMBER DIRECTORATE.

2. DEBATE ON SECRETARY DEMARTINO'S OPENING ADDRESS OF YESTERDAY
EVENING BEGAN UNDER INAUSPICIOUS CLOUD OF RESIGNATION FROM
DIRECTORATE OF PARTY'S LOMBARDI-LED

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LEFT WING. DEBATE THIS MORNING MARKED BY SEVERE CRITICISM OF

PARTY'S ENTIRE LEADERSHIP AND DEMANDS FOR REAL RENEWAL. DEMARTINO THEN TERSELY ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION EXPLAINING THAT HAVING BEEN ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY, HE FELT CONSTRAINED TO RESIGN WHEN IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE WAS NO LONGER UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED. HE MADE EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE LEFT WING'S STATEMENT AND ACTION. DIRECTORATE CONVENED IMMEDIATELY, TOOK NOTE OF DEMARTINO'S RESIGNATION, AND DECIDED TO RESIGN EN MASSE.

3. MEANWHILE, A DOCUMENT BEARING THE SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE MAJOR CURRENTS WAS PRESENTED TO DISSOLVE THE CURRENTS. IT WILL PROBABLY BE APPROVED AND LEAD TO ELECTION OF A NEW DIRECTORATE OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FACTIONS.

4. DEMARTINO'S LENGTHY OPENING ADDRESS HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO GLOSS OVER THE DIFFICULTIES THE PSI FOUND ITSELF IN FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS. HE ATTRIBUTED THE PARTY'S "LACK OF SUCCESS" TO AMBIGUITY AND MISTAKES FOR WHICH HE ALSO ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY. WITH REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT PROBLEM, HE SAID THE ALTERNATIVE OF THE LEFT WAS NOT AT HAND, AND THAT AT LEAST IN THIS LEGISLATURE IT IS NECESSARY TO FIND "SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE OR TEMPORARY AGREEMENT" WITH THE DC. THE PSI CANNOT LIMIT ITSELF TO ACTING AS A SENTINEL AGAINST THE HISTORIC COMPROMISE WITHOUT ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW ELECTIONS OR INDEED PUSHING THE DC AND PCI TOWARD AGREEMENT, DIRECT OR INDIRECT. AT THE SAME TIME HE EXCLUDED "UNILATERAL" PSI AGREEMENTS WITH THE DC. THERE MUST BE A COMMON COMMITMENT OF THE ENTIRE LEFT.

5. NEVERTHELESS DEMARTINO ADDED, THE PCI NEED NOT BE A PARTICIPANT IN GOVERNMENT; THIS WOULD BE PREMATURE SINCE THE PCI IS FAR FROM COMPLETING ITS PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC REVISIONISM. IF IT WERE COMPLETE, THE QUESTION OF MERGING THE PARTIES WOULD BE RELEVANT. SINCE IT ISN'T THERE REMAINS THE NEED TO FIND A SOCIALIST ROLE "FOR WHICH ALL THE POLITICAL PREMISES EXIST."

6. COMMENT: DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DAY MUST BE READ AS AN AT LEAST TACTICAL VICTORY OF THE PARTY'S LEFT WING WHICH HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED IMMEDIATE PURSUIT OF THE ALTERNATIVE OF THE LEFT. IT EMERGED EVEN STRONGER AND MORE UNCOMPROMISING FROM THE ELECTIONS THAN IT DID FROM THE CONGRESS. THOUGH IT IS QUITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLE THAT DEMARTINO WILL BE RE-ELECTED SECRETARY BY A NEW DIRECTORATE, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING IS LIKELY TO END WITH A NET SHIFT TO THE LEFT. BEAUDRY

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